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admitted himself last night to Lincoln General Hospital and he is getting along okay. He wasn't feeling well but intends to be out in a couple of days or so. He has requested no flowers. His room is 558, as I recall, but I did want you to know it and I understand he is getting along well, thought you should know that. We will go on to resolutions, LR 243.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 243 was offered by Senator Vard Johnson and Senator John DeCamp. It is found on page 389 and 390 of the Journal. (Read.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp are you going to begin with this or is Senator Vard Johnson?

SENATOR DECAMP: He is going to open.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Vard Johnson. We will try to be through with this by ten o'clock so you can move on to General File and at eleven o'clock Select File. Okay, Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this morning the pastor that prayed with us started by stating that we come together in love and affection and I felt that that was really true and accurate. This resolution is one that is advanced to the membership in love and affection because you may recall on opening day of the legislative session Senator DeCamp offered a resolution which would memorialize this body and the Appropriations Committee with a spending limitation of \$750 million. That resolution was not adopted by the body. And then last week Senator DeCamp moved that the mainline appropriation bills submitted by the Governor should be referred to General File and not to the Appropriations Committee and at that time I suggested to Senator DeCamp that probably the most appropriate way to handle the issue that Senator DeCamp was placing before us was not for the referencing of the Governor's bills directly to General File but instead through the adoption by the body of a resolution setting a targeted spending figure for state government. And that is what the resolution 243 does. Resolution 243 if adopted by this body would set a targeted spending figure for state operations and that targeted figure is \$803 million which